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The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Chairman Fuchs,

In Bryant, we are planning for growth with intention and making sure that, as our community expands, we are prepared. As we grow, our infrastructure grows with it, reflecting the needs of the people who live, work, and invest here. That kind of forward-looking approach depends on dependable, well-connected transportation systems, which is why I support the proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern.

As one of Central Arkansas's fastest-growing cities, Bryant is seeing new neighborhoods, new businesses, and continued investment across our community. Keeping pace with that growth requires infrastructure that is reliable and built for the long term. Rail may not always be visible day to day, but it plays an important role in supporting regional commerce and strengthening the economic environment on which growing cities depend.

When companies consider where to locate or expand, they seek stability and connectivity. A dependable rail network helps create both, supporting job creation and giving communities like Bryant a stronger position in attracting new opportunities. It also helps ensure that existing employers can continue to operate efficiently and plan for the future with confidence.

As we continue building toward the future, investments that strengthen reliability and expand capacity matter. With time, this merger can help ensure that the infrastructure supporting Bryant's growth stands ready to meet the demands of the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Mayor Chris Treat
City of Bryant, Arkansas